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In re the Application of:) Examiner: NYA TECH CENTER 1600/2900
Wolfgang Rohde, et al.) Art Unit: NYA
Serial No.: 09/700,349)
Filed: November 13, 2000)
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING)
PLANTS HAVING AN INCREASED)
TOLERANCE AGAINST DROUGHT AND/)
OR FUNGAL ATTACK AND/OR)
INCREASED SALT CONCENTRATIONS)
AND/OR EXTREME TEMPERATURE BY)
THE EXPRESSION OF PLASMODESMATA-)
LOCALIZED PROTEINS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 9 without prejudice. Please replace claims 10 to 18 with amended claims 10 to 18, attached herewith. The claim amendments are as follows: